

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Robert Benjamin  
DLC Services Corp.

v.

Civil No. 08-cv-422-SM

Riley More & More Enterprises, LLC, et al

**O R D E R**

Defendant Manoukian moves to enforce the automatic  
bankruptcy stay arising from his Chapter 11 filing to preclude  
his deposition on December 11, 2009.<sup>1</sup>

It is well-established that stays pursuant to § 362(a)  
are limited to debtors and do not encompass non-bankrupt co-  
defendants . . . (citations omitted). . . Chapter 11, unlike  
Chapter 13, contains no provision to protect non-debtors who  
are jointly liable on a debt with the debtor.

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America v. Butler,  
803 F.2d 61, 65 (2d Cir. 1986). The automatic stay in bankruptcy  
precludes discovery as to Manoukian but not as to any other  
defendant. If Manoukian has information as to co-defendants, the  
stay does not prevent discovery of that information. The stay is

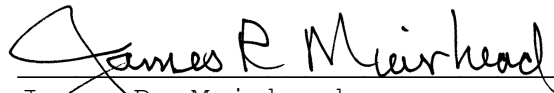
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<sup>1</sup>In the future, counsel should be aware that the court is  
never offended when counsel provide legal authority to support  
their position.

limited to him personally.

The motion (doc. no. 100) is granted to the extent set forth.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
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James R. Muirhead  
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: December 10, 2009

cc: All Counsel of Record